

U.T. Administrations in respect of various essential commodities. It has no information regarding any essential commodity in respect of which proceedings under provisions of the Act did not at all result of conviction. As

per reports received upto 28.2.1992 the following action was taken by the State Governments/U.T Administrations during the year 1991:-

No. of raids made	-	164781
No. of persons arrested	-	5673
No. of persons prosecuted	-	6690
No. of persons convicted	-	281
Value of goods confiscated	-	Rs. 2541.55 lakhs

[English]

Coverage of Additional Commodities by Public Distribution System

5647. SHRI AMAL DATTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the measures initiated to extend the coverage of additional commodities by the Public Distribution System;

(b) the commodities already brought/ have been decided to be brought/are being brought under the Public Distribution System; and

(c) the way in which the cooperation of the State Government is being sought in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (c). The Central Government has taken the responsibility for procurement, storage and transportation of key essential commodities, viz-Rice, Wheat, Levy Sugar,

Imported Edible Oils, Kerosene and Soft Coke and allocation of these commodities is made to the State Govts./UT Administrations for further distribution through Fair Price Shops. The State Governments/UT Administrations were requested to include additional commodities of mass consumption, taking into account local preferences for distribution under the Public Distribution System (PDS). Some State Governments are distribution on their Own, a number of additional commodities using the PDS outlets. In the implementation of revamped PDS, the States/UTs have been requested to get in touch with National level organisations like NAFED, NCCF, Tea Board etc. to indicate their requirements of tea, iodised salt, pulses (gram) and soaps so that they could procure these items for arranging regular supplies to the State/UTs. The State Governments/UT Administrations have supported the revamped PDS and expressed full support in its implementation.

Dehoarding of Foodgrains

5648. SHRI AMAL DATTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the measures for dehoarding of foodgrains and other Essential Commodities taken and the results of such measures;

(b) whether any steps have been taken to reduce the bank credit of traders in foodgrains and other Essential Commodities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the results achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) State Governments/UT Administrations have been asked to step up action against hoarding and other malpractices in essential commodities. As per reports received from them upto 29.2.92, 10619 raids were conducted, 222 persons arrested, 647 persons prosecuted, 4 persons convicted and goods worth Rs. 5.27 lakhs confiscated under the Essential Commodities Act, 1985 during the current year, 1992.

(b) and (c). With a view to avoiding use of bank finance for hoarding of essential commodities, the following measures have been taken by the Reserve Bank of India under selective credit Control:-

- (i) Raising of minimum margin on bank advances against foodgrains viz. paddy/rice wheat, pulses etc, oilseed/vegetable oils (including Vanaspati), sugar, gur and Khandsari and cotton and kapas.
- (ii) Lowering of the level of credit on the basis of the peak level of credit availed by the borrowers during the three preceding years and.
- (iii) Raising of minimum lending rate on advances against the above commodities.

These measures are expected to discourage hoarding of these commodities with the help of bank finance.

[Translation]

Rural Development Project

5649. SHRI BARE LAL JATAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the rural development projects in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the funds allocated by the Union Government for each project during each of the last three years; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to complete these projects in time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) The major Centrally Sponsored Projects in Madhya Pradesh are as follows:-

1. Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP)
2. Training of Rural Youth for Self-Employment (TRYSEM).
3. Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA).
4. Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY).
5. Land Reforms.
 - i) Financial Assistance to the Assignees of ceiling surplus land.
 - ii) Strengthening of Revenue Administration and updating of Land Records and
 - iii) Computerisation of Land Records.